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|| KUWAIT, JULY 27, REUTER - THE SHAH OF IRAN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE TODAY THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR THE SOVIET UNION TO HAVE NAVAL FACILITIES IN THE GULF. ||

|| IN THE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE INDEPENDENT AL SEYASSA NEWSPAPER, THE SHAH SAID THAT THE SECURITY OF THE GULF REGION SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY THE GULF STATES. ||

THE SHAH WAS QUESTIONED IN THE INTERVIEW ABOUT A SUGGESTION ATTRIBUTED TO HIM INVOLVING AMERICAN NAVAL FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND GULF STATE OF BAHRAIN.

THIS WAS THAT OTHER GULF STATES SHOULD GUARANTEE BAHRAIN A CASH SUM EACH YEAR TO END THE FACILITIES AND IN RETURN ASK IRAQ TO DO THE SAME WITH ITS REPORTED SOVIET FACILITIES.

"YES, I HAVE SAID THESE COULD BOTH BE DONE AT THE SAME TIME BECAUSE I HAVE REPEATEDLY DECLARED IN THE PAST THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANY OUTSIDE POWER TO BE PRESENT IN THE GULF," THE SHAH SAID.

IRAQ HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT GIVES FACILITIES TO SOVIET NAVY SHIPS, ALTHOUGH WESTERN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY CLAIMED IT DOES.

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